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SUBJECT: SCHOOLS REOPEN; STUDENT POLITICAL ACTIVITY CONTINUES

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1. ETHIOPIAN SCHOOLS REOPENED JANUARY 21 AFTER ETHIOPIAN CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD. PRIOR TO CLASSES RESUMING ADDIS STUDENTS CONDUCTED TWO DEMONSTRATIONS, ONE ON JANUARY 19 IN WHICH SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS MARCHED FROM AREA BELOW FRENCH EMBASSY TOWARDS JAN MEDA CHANTING ANTI-DIRG SLOGANS. DEMONSTRATIONS REPORTEDLY WAS BROKEN UP NEAR JAN MEDA BY STICK-WIELDING POLICE, SECOND SMALLER DEMONSTRATION HELD THE FOLLOWING DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH TIMKAT (EPHIPHANY) CELEBRATION. THIS DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ONE AND HAD SIMILAR OUTCOME.

2. SINCE RESUMPTION OF CLASSES STUDENTS AT SEVERAL ADDIS SCHOOLS HAVE INTERMITTENTLY BOYCOTTED CLASSES AND HELD ANTI-DIRG RALLIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ON JANUARY 28 STUDENTS AT PRINCE MAKONNEN (MARCATO AREA) AND MENELIK II SCHOOLS

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CONDUCTED ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATIONS WHICH WERE

RAPIDLY BROKEN UP BY ETHIOPIAN POLICE. STUDENTS  
REPORTEDLY ALSO STONED ADDIS CITY BUS IN KASA INCHES  
AREA WHICH RESULTED IN SEVERAL STUDENTS BEING ARRESTED.  
AT LEAST SOME AWOL ZEMECHOCH REPORTEDLY ALSO BEING PICKED  
UP BY POLICE.

3. TODAY, JANUARY 29, STUDENTS IN THREE ADDIS SCHOOLS  
REPORTEDLY HELD DEMONSTRATIONS (TERMED "RIOTS" BY OUR  
SOURCES) WHICH DEGENERATED INTO STONE-THROWING AND  
SCUFFLES. ETHIOPIAN POLICE AGAIN BROKE UP DEMONSTRATIONS  
IN FAIRLY SHORT ORDER.

4. COMMENT: ADDIS STUDENTS APPEAR TO HAVE BECOME  
EMBOLDENED BY DIRG'S FAILURE TO TAKE HARSHER  
MEASURES AGAINST THEM. WE EXPECT STUDENT UNREST TO  
CONTINUE GIVEN NATURE THEIR UNMET DEMANDS, VIZA., RETURN  
TO CIVILIAN RULE, TERMINATION OF ZEMETCHA SERVICE, ETC.,  
UNLESS EPMG REVERTS TO HARSHER MEASURES IN SUPPRESSING  
DEMONSTRATIONS.  
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